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FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF DECEMBER 14 TORONTO STAR  
EDITORIAL ON SECRETARY'S ENERGY ACTION PROPOSAL. TEXT REPEATED  
IN FULL BECAUSE, IN EMBASSY'S OPINION, IT REFLECTS  
ATTITUDE THAT IS PROBABLY FAIRLY WIDESPREAD IN CANADA,  
I.E. RECOGNITION OF INTERDEPENDENCE, WILLINGNESS TO  
COOPERATE IN INTERNATIONAL ENDEAVORS, BUT CAUTIOUS  
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REGARDING MANAGEMENT AND EXPLOITATION OF CANADIAN RESOURCES.

BEGIN TEXT.

HISTORY MADE CANADA ONE OF A WESTERN COMMUNITY OF NATIONS. SELF-INTEREST--IN TRADE, IN DEFENCE, IN THE SURVIVAL OF POLITICAL DEMOCRACY--KEEPS US IN MEMBERSHIP. CANADA COULD NOT THRIVE IN ISOLATION IF THE UNITED STATES, WESTERN EUROPE AND JAPAN SHOULD FALL INTO ECONOMIC DEPRESSION.

THAT AWARENESS, RATHER THAN OUR COMPARATIVE ABUNDANCE OF ENERGY RESOURCES, HAS DECIDED OTTAWA'S RESPONSE TO HENRY KISSINGER'S CALL FOR A COOPERATIVE, LONG-RANGE PROGRAM TO OVERCOME THE ENERGY CRISIS.

IT'S IN CANADA'S INTEREST THAT ITS TRADITIONAL FRIENDS AND TRADING PARTNERS ACHIEVE THE OVERALL GOAL SET BY THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, "THE ASSURANCE OF REQUIRED ENERGY SUPPLIES AT REASONABLE COST."

SINCE CANADA IS THE ONLY ONE OF THE GROUP WITH A KNOWN CAPACITY TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENT, IN OIL, OUR PARTICIPATION MIGHT MEAN SOME SACRIFICE OF OUR IMPORTS TO EUROPE IN THE SHORT AND MEDIUM TERM TO REDUCE ITS VULNERABILITY TO ARAB THREAT, AS WELL AS THE CONTINUATION OF OIL EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES. IT NEEDN'T, AND MUSTN'T COMMIT CANADA TO A SACRIFICIAL POOLING OF CONTINENTAL ENERGY SUPPLIES (AND PRICES) WITH THE AMERICANS.

OF FOUR ACTION PROGRAMS ADVOCATED BY KISSINGER, CANADA CAN CERTAINLY ENDORSE THREE: TO CONSERVE ENERGY THROUGH MORE RATIONAL USE OF EXISTING SUPPLIES; TO ENCOURAGE THE DISCOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ENERGY SOURCES; TO DEVELOP NEW TECHNIQUES THAT USE ENERGY MORE EFFICIENTLY AND PROVIDE ALTERNATIVES TO PETROLEUM.

A FOURTH, "TO GIVE PRODUCERS AN INCENTIVE TO INCREASE SUPPLY," SEEMS DUBIOUS; THE MOST IMPORTANT PRODUCERS, MULTI-NATIONAL OIL COMPANIES, HAVE ALREADY BEEN GIVEN GENEROUS INCENTIVES TO INCREASE SUPPLY, WITH LESS THAN ADEQUATE RESULTS.

CANADA SHOULD COOPERATE IN THESE PROGRAMS TO BE SURE OF EARLY AND FULL ACCESS TO THE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES OF THE FUTURE. TO STAND ALOOF AND COMPLACENT, BECAUSE OF OUR TEMPORARY ADVANTAGE IN OIL, WOULD BE TO RISK FALLING BEHIND.

IN EXCHANGE FOR TRANSITIONAL HELP IN OIL SUPPLIES, CANADA COULD LEGITIMATELY BARGAIN FOR REMOVAL OF EXCESSIVE TRADE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET--AGAINST SOME UNCLASSIFIED

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OF OUR AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS, FOR INSTANCE. AND CANADA'S PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ENERGY RESEARCH MIGHT WELL PROMOTE MORE WIDESPREAD USE OF OUR NUCLEAR POWER TECHNOLOGY, USING HEAVY WATER AND NATURAL URANIUM--OR ALTERNATIVELY, THE BUILDING OF URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANTS IN CANADA TO SUPPLY COUNTRIES THAT USE THE ENRICHED URANIUM, NATURAL WATER METHOD.

IN SHORT, CANADA HAS MUCH TO GIVE AND MUCH TO GET BY COOPERATING ON ENERGY. THIS IS WHAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS

RECOGNIZED IN GIVING ITS FULL APPROVAL OF THE KISSINGER PROPOSAL.  
END OF TEXT.  
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